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PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT - Instructor Cheryl Robertson and Elk Point's Metelytsia Ukrainian Dance Club's Junior group practice their fancy footwork for this Saturday's Malanka presentation. The club is looking forward to performing for another sellout crowd at this year's event.

■ Up Front

Metelytsia Ukrainian Dancers host Malanka this Saturday

Excitement is mounting for the Elk Point Ukrainian Dance Club this week, as they prepare for this Saturday's Malanka.

This celebration of the Ukrainian New Year will be held in the Elk Point Elementary School gym, starting at 5:30 p.m. and includes dinner at 6:00 p.m., a sampling of traditional dances at 7:00 p.m. followed by their portrayal of the timeless tale of the beautiful Malanka and her quest to bring spring to the frozen land, narrated by Marshall

Kachmar. The evening will wind up with dancing to the music of Edmonton's Eddie Chwill Band. A silent auction is once again on the program and a special feature of this year's event will be a visit from the St. Paul Ukrainian Choir.

Under the direction of the club's new instructor, Cheryl Robertson of St. Paul, the dancers are working hard to perfect their dance routines as well as their character parts for the presentation. Ms Robertson, who has instructed the Glendon

Ukrainian dancers for the past four years, says her new students are cooperative and eager to learn. The club currently includes 33 dancers, from three years old to adult. The adult group has been rejuvenated this year for the club's 25th anniversary, and will be performing at the Spring Concert.

Admission is by advance tickets only, available at Elk Point Insurance, Home Town Grocers or from Shannon (724-2466), Millie (724-2360), Lana (724-2893) or Lee Ann (645-5861).

Chamber begins a new year's work

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce started off the New Year on a festive note, sharing a Ukrainian Christmas feast at the Empress on Wednesday, January 7.

Their 2004 membership list is climbing, with nine additions since the previous meeting, and plans for Shirley Harms and Rod Randall to visit businesses in person to explain what the Chamber has to offer its members. Members will be listed in a Chamber publication which will be developed in the near future, aimed at making everyone aware what is available in the community and encouraging businesses and the public to deal with local businesses whenever possible.

To accommodate members who may not be able to attend all the Chamber meetings, minutes will be faxed out with agendas of future meetings.

With the Town of Elk Point already an integral part of the Chamber membership, the executive was directed to send an invitation to the County of St. Paul, enclosing membership information, and encouraging the County to send a representative to meetings, thus opening the doors to cooperation and communication between the groups.

Also in the interest of fostering good relationships, it was agreed that a spokesperson should represent the Chamber in dealing with oilpatch issues. President Jonny Nielsen has agreed to serve in that capacity. Myron Goyan noted that Town, Chamber and oil industry representatives would be meeting on January 15, which he sees as "a beginning of public relations and communication" needed to "create a friendly environment" conducive to talk between the sectors.

Iron Horse Trail staging area on January 21 agenda

Marvin Bjornstad of the Riverland Recreational Trail Society will attend the Chamber's January 21 supper meeting, which will start promptly at 6 p.m., to update members on proposed development of the Iron Horse Trail staging area in Elk Point. The Chamber was urged to ask the Town to establish a committee to create a vision for development of the former railway siding in the community.

AGM set for February 4

The Chamber's Annual General Meeting was set for Wednesday, February 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the Empress. Nominations for a slate of executive officers will be presented at that time, and the newly revised bylaws will be ratified. The possibility of reimbursing executive members for costs incurred while fulfilling the duties of their role in office will also be discussed at the AGM.

Extravaganza committee salutes valued volunteers

The contributions of the many volunteers whose efforts went into making Elk Point's 2003 Christmas Extravaganza an overwhelming success were celebrated at an appreciation night on January 8.

Although many of the volunteers were unable to attend due to other commitments, the Extravaganza committee had a warm welcome for those who gathered at the Elk Point Public Library on Thursday night.

Everyone enjoyed watching a video of the evening, from parade to entertainment to the fireworks finale, the first

opportunity some of the workers had had to view some of the activities which had delighted the huge crowd on November 28. All agreed that the evening had been the best Extravaganza ever, but most also had suggestions for improvement for Extravaganza 2004.

The Winter Wonderland Parade was nothing short of amazing, and the volunteers were happy to have another opportunity to see the many beautiful and imaginative entries. All agreed that judging the floats would be nothing short of impossible, as all were outstanding. The group

agreed that next year to enforce the regulation against distributing candy either from floats or by accompanying walkers, in the interest of the safety of parade viewers.

The horse-drawn wagon rides were exceptionally popular, and drew a bumper crop of riders. Organization and the willing crew of helpers to load, unload and supervise passengers, along with barriers that created a manageable lineup, smoothed out some of the problems that beset the rides in earlier years. The new route, which kept the horses off much of Main Street,

worked well. All that is really needed to enhance this part of the evening, volunteer Wayne Wruth said, is a third team to shorten the lineup and make sure everyone gets to enjoy a ride.

Improvements to the stage, including installation of heating to keep performers warm and an end door for better access, were suggested. This year's entertainers were very much enjoyed by the crowd, which also appreciated the bonfire and bale seating near the stage.

One part of the evening that requires no improvement at all was the fireworks

finale. The generosity of many corporate donors coupled with the fundraising ability of Sharon Smith and the fireworks organizational skills of Marshall Kachmar resulted in a fabulous show which the committee is confident, even outshone the Canada Day fireworks display.

Enthusiasm for the event is still riding high, with virtually every volunteer present offering ideas for next year, and most ready and willing to get on the Extravaganza 2004 bandwagon and put their suggestions in motion when planning time arrives.

community **NEWS**

County reeve feels 2004 could be a challenging year

By Michelle Huley
St. Paul Journal

The past year was a relatively stable one for

the County of St. Paul, but despite careful planning for the upcoming year, 2004 could be a challenging one as the

community reels from a second North American cow infected with BSE and traced back to Alberta.

"As a county, there are some very, very serious concerns if this doesn't

get straightened out over the next few months," said reeve Robert

Bouchard. "We want to reassure our ratepayers we will do our best to represent them at the table, whichever way we can."

The county's cow calf producers were hit hard in May, 2003 by the discovery of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy as borders closed to Canadian cattle, markets ground to a halt, and prices hit bottom. In December, a second downed cow, this time in Washington state, was diagnosed with BSE and subsequently traced back to an Alberta herd. Bouchard stressed, however, the impact goes farther than the cow-calf producers.

"As much as we need to think about agricultural producers, if this carries on for any length of time, it's not just agricultural producers who are going to be affected. It's everyone in St. Paul, in the county, in the Town of St. Paul."

Whether that's going to affect the municipality's financial position is unclear.

Bouchard said the country is going into 2004 in, essentially, good financial shape with a number of projects approved such as a new water system for the Hamlet of Ashmont.

"We should be in good shape. We only have our graders, we have to pay for them in July and we'll pay cash for them. Our finances are basically straightforward. If we don't have the money, we won't spend it."

He said he doesn't know how the financial hit agricultural producers have been taking will effect the county's tax collection, however.

"I don't know," he said, adding the county can only plan its budget on the levied taxes. "We're not in a position, I don't believe, to write off any taxes. If this becomes a very big issue we would have to talk to the provincial government to see what arrangements we can make that would be consistent with the municipal government act."

Some municipalities have declared an economic disaster due to the BSE situation. Bouchard said he doesn't know if such a move would help the county.

"We will question government to see if it puts us in a better position to declare an economic disaster ... It's pretty scary."

Bouchard, who is the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties zone representative to a provincial



COUNTY ASSISTANCE FOR AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, ARMISTICE HALL - Division 2 councillor Sharil Baumgardner presented recreational facility grants from the County to Shauna Campbell of the Elk Point Agricultural Society Fairgrounds and Livestock Division (above) and Terry Wozniak of the Armistice Hall board. The grants of \$1500 and \$600 respectively will help with operational expenses.



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For more information about the Compassionate Care Benefit, call 1 800 O-Canada (1 800 622-6232), 1 800 465-7735 (TTY) or visit www.canada.gc.ca.

community **NEWS**

Storm wins "B" side in the home town of NHL's Sutters

As young boys they skated on frozen ponds and outdoor rinks and dreamed of playing in the N.H.L. Enough of them to make a team themselves, they would play from dusk to dawn, but who would ever believe that six brothers could all make it to the big league?

The Midget Girls Storm traveled to the home of the six Sutter brothers,

Viking, Alberta, playing in their tournament this past weekend and winning the "B" side. The first game Saturday morning, the Storm taking it to Sherwood Park 7 to 1. The Loughran sisters, Tellia and Kyrie with two goals each, Eryl Anton Roberts also adding two, Brittany Ballas getting the single. The second game Saturday the Storm would rather forget, losing to the host Viking, sending them to the B final against Hardisty on Sunday, with the Storm winning where it counted, 3 to 1. And get this: scoring not one but two goals, the first goals ever, Kelsey Sylwka. I guess that once she scored, she liked it so much she did it again. Eryl Anton Roberts also got a goal in this one, the tenders Kristen Campbell, and Amber Axley splitting the games half and half.

Stop the press! This news just in - Eryl Anton Roberts has been chosen to play on a hockey team going to Europe this summer, and is now raising funds to help cover her expenses. More on this next week.

Birthdays this week, on Thursday, January 14th, one of the best two-way players on the Storm team, sweet sixteen Karly Shankowski.



doug BASSETT

Review Sports

Two home games for the Atom Avalanche this past weekend, winning the first one on Saturday over St. Paul 8 to 5. Four goals scored by #66 Brandon Rainey, Jordyn "Tiger" Wozniak with a hat trick, and Ken Stanley Jr. with the single.

The second game on Sunday saw the Avalanche coming up against a much bigger and more physical team from the Pryogy Capital, Glendon, the Avalanche losing this one 9 to 6, but an exciting game all the same. Jamie Wozniak with two, Trevor Ballas going top shelf with two, Tori Becker from on the doorstep banging one in on the power play, and

Jordyn "Tiger" Wozniak with a goal and two assists. In their last meeting Glendon won 10 to 4, so the guys shouldn't feel too bad about losing this one, the score much closer.

And here's some trivia. Do you know who else wore the number 66 when he played here? Oh, yeah, it's the same number that Brandon's uncle Conway Roscoe wore. He scored a lot of goals too, but none were bigger than the overtime winner in the 1995 provincials, giving the Elk Point Lightning the provincial gold championship.

At home on Saturday morning, the Novice Hurricanes lost to Vermilion. Outscored maybe, but the Hurricanes are by far a better looking team. And this coming week-

end, the Hurricanes have a chance to improve their hockey skills, learn some new drills and have a lot of fun; Elk Point has been chosen to host the Hockey Alberta Zone 2 Novice Jamboree on Saturday and Sunday.

On Friday night the Thunder were dominated by Hughenden, not much for highlights in this one, except for a goal by Brett Younghans, scored on a funny long shot that the goalie fanned on. On Saturday the Thunder were scheduled to travel to Coronation, but the game was cancelled do to the poor weather down south. Coming up this weekend, the Thunder hosts Consort on Friday night at 8p.m.

It's in the N.H.L. record book, and this guy is really making us proud, in the news again

this week, up in the N.H.L. Sheldon Souray, born in Elk Point, scoring six points in a game, one goal and five assists, that's a record for the Montreal Canadiens. Wow, could we sure use a guy like this on the Leafs blue line!

And now for the K. A. Campbell's quote of the week "The Mighty Ducks are laying goose eggs"

Last week's answer to: "Sometimes you think those guys must have come out of the chimp cages at the Bronx Zoo."

-Retired Boston goalie Gerry Cheevers, on New York fans.

Just a reminder of the Elk Point Minor Hockey meeting on Wednesday, January 14 at 7:30 p.m., everyone is welcome.

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Thanks to Shamrock Valley Enterprises, Elk Point Sand and Gravel, E-Can Oilfield Services, Russway, Tri-City and Tarsands Steam Cleaning for working through the Holiday Season to repair and restore water for everyone.

A special thanks to C.N.R.L. for accepting and disposing of 93 cubic meters of sludge and dirt from the hole, at no charge to the town.

The Elk Point Town Council would like to wish everyone good health and happiness in the New Year.

Thanks again, to you all, from the Town Council

THANK YOU

Elk Point Novice Tournament
December 6, 2003

The Elk Point Novice Hurricanes Hockey Club would like to thank the following businesses / people for their very generous contributions to our home tournament. Thank you for helping to make our tournament a success!!!

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Twelve wins of Christmas

The 12 days leading up to Christmas proved lucky for a dozen shoppers at Home Town Grocers, as the store ran its second annual "12 Days of Christmas" contest.

Winners of daily-enhanced grocery hampers were: Day 1 - Rachel MacKinnon, Day 2 - Keith Campbell, Day 3 - Dolores Zacharuk, Day 4 - Helen Mudryk, Day 5 - Kelsey Dion, Day 6 - Paul Bezpalko, Day 7 - Angie Christenson, Day 8 - Peter Hudema, Day 9 - Amanda Cross, Day 10 - Dwayne Yaremkevich, Day 11 - Yvon Fontaine, and Day 12, with a heaping load of all the necessities for a sumptuous Christmas meal, Tammy Couchie.

Have your say on Alberta's role in Canada.

The provincial government recently appointed an MLA Committee for the purpose of Strengthening Alberta's Role Within Confederation. This committee will give Albertans the opportunity to speak their mind on the state of relations between the province and the federal government, as well as provide input on how things can be improved or strengthened.

It's your province and your country. Visit one of these public forums:

Hinton: Jan 15	Ft. McMurray: Jan 29	Lethbridge: Feb 5	Wainwright: Feb 12
Grande Prairie: Jan 27	Medicine Hat: Feb 3	Drumheller: Feb 10	Edmonton: Feb 26
Peace River: Jan 28	Red Deer: Feb 4	St. Paul: Feb 11	Calgary: Mar 4

All public forums are held from 7 pm to 9 pm.

Any group or individual wishing to make a presentation to the committee should register by telephone at: (780) 644-1249 (dial 310-0000 for toll free access outside Edmonton).

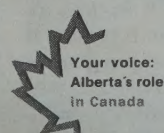
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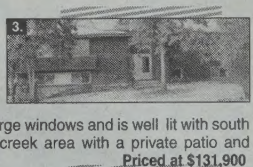


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2. 5407 - Circle Drive - Pending

3. 5134 - 50 Ave. - 1716 sq. ft., 3 bdrm home immaculately maintained. Main floor laundry, large living room with fireplace. Lower level finished with two bdrms, family room, bar area, storage & two entrances to garages. Upper and lower level has large windows and is well lit with south exposure. Home is nestled into the creek area with a private patio and backyard. Priced at \$131,900



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5. 5509 - 49 Street - 3 bdrm 1200 sq. ft. double wide home on finished bsmt. Large country kitchen with oak cabinetry, new lino, stove, fridge and dishwasher. Home has had new roofing, siding and wrap in 2003. Very modern home with oak trim. Main floor completely renovated with drywall. Main floor laundry with washer & dryer. Lower level finished with 2 bdrms, family room & bar area. Yard is fenced with small garden area. Owner motivated to sell!!! Priced at \$79,900



6. 5202 - 56 Street - 14 x 70 mobile home with lots to offer. Large 10 x 24 family room addition. Patio doors off living room lead onto new 12 x 42 treated deck overlooking wheatfields. New fridge, stove, washer & dryer remain. New skirting and insulation redone. Decorative mirrored panels in livingroom. A great buy! Owner motivated to sell!!! Check this out. Reduced to \$31,900



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It's time again to pick and choose

Clubs and groups are gearing up for a new year, and many are holding annual meetings and membership drives. That means it's time to pick and choose not only the executive members you would like to see leading each organization into the future, but also which organizations best fit your personal interests.

Love books? The library board is always looking for new members, and the library is also looking for new Friends to help with various volunteer functions.

Love planning events? Why not get on board with the Canada Day Committee and help to generate ideas for Elk Point's biggest celebration of the summer.

Love the shine of a well-polished car? Maybe the Auto Club, hosts of the annual Show and Shine, would be right up your alley.

Love history? Check out the Historical Society or the Friends of the Forts and see the many activities they have to offer.

Love the great outdoors? The Iron Horse Trail group or one of its partners, the snowmobile club, might be your choice.

Love community service? The Elks and Royal Purple, both branches of the Lions Club and the Legion are perennially running short-handed and would love to have more members involved in their community minded projects.

Love doing business? You really should be part of the Chamber of Commerce, and help promote your community's businesses and the products and services they provide.

Once you're part of an organization and annual meeting time comes up, think about what role you could fill to help your club or group achieve its goals and potential.

It's great to get involved!

It's January - the month for New Year's resolutions

If you're like most people, your New Years resolutions probably included something related to a healthier lifestyle. Nutrition, exercise, tobacco use, alcohol and attitude can have a big impact on your life.

If you're interested in making some changes in any of these areas, set a few small goals that you can tackle slowly. Small steps work better than giant leaps to improve healthy living habits for the long term. Don't try to change too many things at once or you'll set yourself up for failure.

In terms of nutrition, the emphasis is on lower fat, higher fibre foods, based on Canada's Food Guide to Healthy Living. Food intake should be spread out over the day, starting with breakfast. Most of the food intake should be from the grain products and vegetables and fruit groups. Include something from at least three of the four food groups at each meal. It sounds like a lot of food to eat, but you'll realize its not when you check out the portion sizes for one serving.

Reducing your fat intake can be achieved through simple steps such as trimming the fat from foods, using lower fat cooking methods, eating smaller portions of meats and fats. There's no need to rush out to buy every "Low Fat" product in the grocery store. Some of these products will add variety and interest to your food intake, but they should be used in moderation.

Limit salt by using no more than a small amount in cooking and less at the table. Taste foods before adding salt. Also limit processed and snack foods as these are often high in salt and fat (i.e. canned and packaged soups, potato chips). Be adventuresome; experiment with spices, herbs and lemon juice.

Caffeine dehydrates the body so limit items high in caffeine by

drinking less cola beverages and coffee/tea. Make sure you drink plenty of fluids - water is best. A glass of water with each meal goes a long way to meeting your fluid requirements.

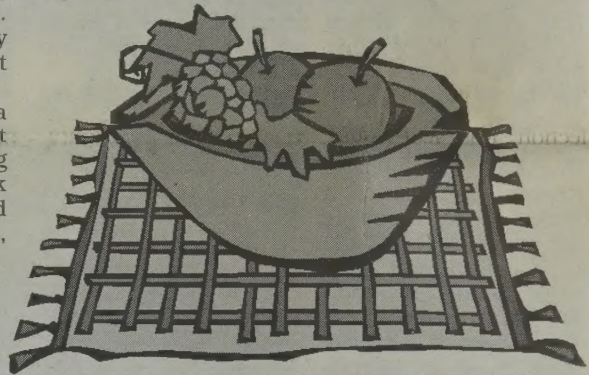
Alcohol is a source of empty calories, which can contribute to weight gain. Alcohol can also cause dehydration and increase blood fat levels. Health Canada suggests that, for most adults, a moderate alcohol intake is no more than one drink per day and no more than seven drinks per week.

In setting goals for changes in your food intake, all foods can fit into a healthy lifestyle; just remember that some foods should be eaten in smaller amounts and less often. Physical activity not only helps to increase your metabolic rate (rate at which you burn calories); but it also helps you to deal with stress and to feel good about yourself. Remember to start slowly and build up from there. Check out Health Canada's Physical Activity Guide and get moving to feel your best.

Once you've set some small goals and are actively involved in steps to achieve that goal, give yourself about three weeks for it to become a habit. When you're actively practicing that new habit, you're ready to set another small goal.

Remember that small changes over time add up to big changes that can really make a difference in overall health.

For more information call Linda Fox, RD at Elk Point Health Centre



Facing those January fears

How are you all doing? Are your Christmas bills starting to come in? Yes, they probably are and so your January is going to be a "slim" financial month. Hang in there. You will get through it. Face it head on and pay what you can. What is important is that you don't procrastinate and avoid it.

Speaking of avoiding something, there is a story told by the great Louis Armstrong about when he was a boy. A woman told him to go down to the spring and get a bucket of water and bring it back to her. So he went down to dip the bucket into the water. There, looking at him out of the water, was a pair of eyes - an alligator. Scared to death, Louis left the bucket and ran back to the old lady. She said, "Where is my bucket of water?"

He said, "Miss Allie Mae, I went down there and I put that bucket in the water and there was a pair of alligator eyes looking at me. I ran. That 'gator scared me to death."

She said, "Louis, that alligator has been there for years, and he probably is as

afraid of you as you are of him."

Louis said, "Miss Allie Mae, if that alligator is as scared of me as I am of him, then that water ain't fit to drink anyway."



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EASTHOPE
from the FCSS desk

That story is an example of how fear can foul a pond. Likewise, fear can foul a person from facing their bills. At Christmas time, it seems like we have a desire to buy gifts that logically and practically we cannot afford to buy. But we do it anyway. After all, the people for whom we are purchasing these gifts would really love them. It makes us feel good to see them happy. If we have put these purchases on our credit cards, we will be facing the January bills. Thus, January becomes the reality month.

Ideally, we all know you should only put the amount on your credit card that you

can clear at the end of the month. I have come to the conclusion that it is our seniors who have learned to live within what they make. The generations after them haven't learned this same lesson. Therefore, it is quite probable that the rest of us are facing the January bills.

What is a simple solution to our January bills? First of all, ignore the fear of having to pay them. Then, gather them all together. Total them and decide on the amount you can comfortably give to all of them. Follow through with this amount each month. Then lastly, don't put anything else on your credit cards until you have pretty well cleared them.

A simple solution will only work when we work with our own attitude of our wishes, wants and needs. When we can distinguish between all of these and we learn to feel happy with what we have and who we are, then it becomes easier to make practical choices rather than emotional choices in the financial area of our lives. So face your January bills and forget the fear. You can do it!

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Preschool Storytime goes every Friday at 10:30 a.m. Join us for stories and crafts.

Seniors' Tea is held the first Tuesday of every month at 2 p.m.

County could face challenges in '03

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drought committee headed by Agriculture Minister Shirley MacLellan, said he is meeting today with that committee. While drought has taken a back seat over the past year to BSE and grasshoppers, the committee continues to operate.

"BSE will be a topic," he said, adding the group discusses other priority issues affecting agriculture in the province.

"The trials of the next year will be to keep the books balanced," he said, adding that objective is always a challenging one, but with potential unknown factors that could effect tax collection, this year could be even more challenging than usual. "We'll have to be very, very cautious how we proceed."

Proceeding with a number of ongoing projects is high on council's priority list, Bouchard stressed.

"One of our challenges will be to see Evergreen proceed in a smooth orderly fashion," he said, adding 2003 saw five transfer stations completed and some of the design for the regional site.

"We're hoping to go to tenders on the project by mid-February with spring construction (start) and perhaps

September, October for a completion date."

Bouchard said 2003 was a good year, with a number of long term projects completed.

"We completed quite a list of projects. Moose Hills Road. That certainly was a very good project," he said, stressing council made an exception for the road, taking a debenture, which will hopefully be fully paid back this year.

"We came to the completion and the opening of the Iron Horse Trail. Hopefully it will be there for many years for people to enjoy."

Council also received approval for funding to replace Ashmont's water system. The 1.2 million project, funded one-third each by the county, the province and the federal government, will see the entire system replaced.

Also in 2004, ratepayers will have an opportunity to restore their current councillors or vote in new ones.

Bouchard, who confirmed he will be running in the fall municipal election, said he doesn't believe there will be many controversial issues raised.

"The county is running very, very smoothly. We have no significant debt, our infrastructure is being maintained and improved from year to year.

"I hope there's no issues. I guess to some people there's going to be issues. You can never please everybody all of the time.

"How relevant are the issues to the day? We've had an extremely challenging term. It was my most challenging term since I've been on council," he said, adding those included replacing the municipality's chief administrative officer, Evergreen Regional Waste Commission, and Muni-Corr.

"But by listening to everyone concerned, being able to appreciate what the other councillor is saying, council has been very successful in coming together. In most cases, we had unanimous decisions. You don't get that nowadays with a lot of councils."

The discussion and debate that comes with an election, he said, is very positive.

"It's always good. It gives us an opportunity to visit our ratepayers. We get a renewed mandate through the input we get from the residents of the county. It's a process of renewal."

While councillors may be renewing their mandates this fall, Bouchard said the upcoming months will see them focusing largely on agriculture, and lobbying to get that industry moving again.

"As a council, whatever part we can play in that, we will devote whatever time necessary at the table (to resolve the issue and reinstate orderly marketing of the agricultural community). We still have some hope common sense will prevail. It's more of a political problem than it is a safety problem. You have a thousand times more of a chance from getting sick from eating lettuce.

"It's a main priority for this coming year, that's for sure."

OBITUARY

POITRAS, Mary Valerie

On January 10, 2004, Mrs. Mary Valerie Poitras of Moose Mountain passed away at the age of 84 years.

She is survived by her loving husband, Lloyd of 65 years; 6 sons & 4 daughters, Theresa Whiskeyjack of St. Paul, Homer (Liz) Poitras of Moose Mountain, Edward (Shelley) Poitras of St. Paul, Marjorie (William) Shirt of Saddle Lake, Gerald (Dorothy) Poitras of Fort Kent, Florence (Frank) Large & Marlene (Clifford) Cardinal all of Saddle Lake, Roland (Grace) Poitras of St. Paul, Richard (Penny) Poitras of Penticton, B.C. & Adrian (Lorraine) Poitras of Enoch; 64 grandchildren; 80 great-grandchildren; 13 great-great-grandchildren; 1 adopted son, Father Joseph Gauthier of Corsica; 1 adopted granddaughter, Brenda Stone of Saddle Lake; 1 sister, Florence Mitchell of Calahoo; 1 sister-in-law, Shirley Watchmaker of Kehewin; also numerous nieces & nephews. She was predeceased by 1 son, Norman; 1 daughter, Lavina; 3 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild; 1 great-great-grandchild; parents, Joe F. & Elizabeth Dion; 1 brother, Henry Watchmaker; 3 sisters, Margaret, Rosalie, Delma & 1 sister in infancy.

Prayer Services Tuesday & Wednesday, January 13 & 14 at the Mannawanis Friendship Centre, St. Paul. Mass of Christian Burial Thursday, January 15 at 2:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Mercy Roman Catholic Church, Kehewin. Reverend Father Hoanh Dinh o.m.i. & Reverend Father Camillo Prosdocimo, o.m.i. will be the celebrants with interment in the church cemetery. No flowers by request. If desired, donations may be made to Elk Point Palliative Care or the charity of one's choice c/o Box 425 St. Paul, AB T0A 3A0.

Yewchin's Funeral Chapel Ltd., St. Paul, 1-780-645-5177.

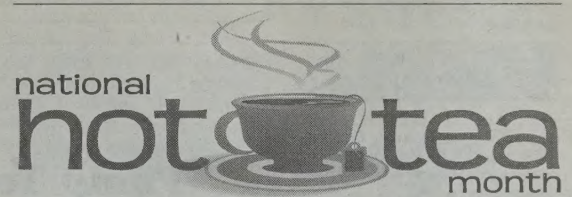


LIONS ASSIST STUDENT - Elk Point and District Lions Club vice president Leonard Gadowski presented Marvin Ockerman with a \$200 donation from the club toward Marvin's new FM hearing aid.

Pioneer Circle bingo

January 5, 2004

Marvin Stanley \$20, Robert Bepalko \$20, John Wozniak \$40, Bev Bepalko \$30, Debbie Orr \$20, Freda Frying pan \$20, Bernice Bykowski \$30, Leonard Faithful \$10, Bill Chomlak \$33, Louis Lumley \$25, Dean Stanley \$20, Kathy Zarowny \$30, Louise Millions \$60, Betsy Lumley \$30, Anita Ballas \$26, Mary McGillvary \$13, Viola Yarmuch \$50, Victor Aarbo \$5, Dan Demchuk \$10, John Joe Fryingpan \$10.



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Al-Anon Family Group Meeting, Room 605, Elk Point Municipal Hospital, Wednesday evening at 8:30 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, Wednesday at 8:30 p.m., Room 604, Elk Point Hospital.

"Now To Town" FCSS would like to welcome and familiarize new families with the services and programs available in town. Welcome packages contain a community directory, volunteer directory, coupons, maps and more! Call 724-3800 for more information or drop by 4902 - 51 Street.

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The Elk Point Health Centre Auxiliary meets every fourth Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Elk Point Health Centre meeting room. Everyone welcome!

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Zayac \$30, Mary
Bochon \$8, Lil Buksa

\$8, Betsy Dion \$8, Ray
Wooldridge \$8, Lillian
Ewasiuk \$82, Jean
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Lumley \$76, Olga
Bayrock \$30, Elaine

Moloney \$30, Joanne
FERENCE \$30, Melanie
FERENCE \$30, Florence
Demchuk \$30, Ed
Piotrowski \$30, Sophie
Stamp \$10, William
Dion \$18, Dennis
Hannah \$46, Lucy
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Lajimodiere \$23, Carol
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Tonight the Grade 12s will be meeting to discuss their plans for the Prom, which will take place on Saturday, June 25th. Also the French Exchange Club will be meeting tomorrow to discuss the fundraising for their exchange trip to Quebec which will be taking place during the next school year.

The Students Union met with Mr.

Hawkins last Tuesday to arrange for Norbert Georget to give a presentation in February about drinking and driving. They have also arranged for a Valentines Dance, which will be held on February 20th.

Three students who are taking their Grade 12 English course by correspondence are writing the essay component of their diploma exams today, but for the rest of the school, Thursday's

Social essay will mark the beginning of the examinations. Many Grade 12 students are also taking this time to apply to post-secondary institutions, so that they can ensure they will be done long before the application deadlines.

I hope that all F.G.M. students receive high marks in return for all the hard work and dedication that they have shown throughout the semester.



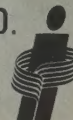
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